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Date 16 March 1946.

I, Manuel Blanco, I.D. No. 14492, Labor No. _____, do hereby make the following statement to the Legal Officer, ~~Public Relations Department~~ freely and voluntarily, without coercion, with the full realization that such statement made may be used as evidence against me.

I, Manuel Blanco, was born on Saipan on 13 November 1906. I worked for the N.K.K. as a blacksmith from 1934 to 1944. During this period the Japanese Navy's most important military construction projects were the buildings of ASLITO Naval Air Base commenced in 1932 and it was never completed. At the beginning of 1940 anti-aircraft, coastal batteries, and other type of ordnance were installed at the ASLITO Air field. I saw at that time the NKK train bring plane parts and guns, bombs, etc., from the pier to the Aslito Naval Air Base. I helped to build a bomb shelter at Aslito Field in 1938. The hangars as well as other installations were camouflaged with grass, trees, and plants beginning in the later part of 1938.

The Japanese used forced labor in a very small degree before August 1939 but from that time on forced native labor was used extensively. The native forced laborers received 80 sen a day and this was not adequate. In my opinion the Japanese Govt. used forced labor without sufficient remuneration.

I have had all the foregoing material on this page interpreted to me by Vincente de Leon Guerrero in the Chamorro language, which I understand. I have made this statement voluntarily and have had the interpreter read the statement on this page; finding it to be a full and complete statement of the circumstances connected with my attachment to this case. I hereby certify that the above is a complete and true statement of facts, and that no compulsion or

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pressure of any kind whatsoever was exerted on me by any person in making this written statement.

/s/ Manuel Blanco

I swear that I am familiar with both the English language and the Chamorro language and that before the above statement was signed I read same in the Chamorro language to the person who signed same.

/s/ Vincente de Leon Guerrero

WITNESS: s/Charles D. Cook

Ens. D(L) USNR

Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 16th day of March,
1946.

Theodore M. Adelson, Lt. (JG) USNR

Legal Officer, U.S. Nav. Mil. Govt. Saipan, M.I.

日附、一九四六年(昭和二十一年)三月十三日

私儀

MANUEL BLANCO

I.D. 第四九二号、労働者

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左、通り陳述 致シヌ

私儀

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